

STATE OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES
CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTS AND RELATED SERVICES
CRITICAL START LLC

1. Introduction

A. Parties

This Contract for products and related services is entered into between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources (hereinafter “DIR”) with its principal place of business at 300 West 15th Street, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701, and Critical Start LLC (hereinafter “Vendor”), with its principal place of business at 6860 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024.

B. Compliance with Procurement Laws

This Contract is the result of compliance with applicable procurement laws of the State of Texas. DIR issued a solicitation on the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Electronic State Business Daily, Request for Offer (RFO) DIR-TSO-TMP-209, on December 6, 2013, for Data Communications and Networking Equipment and Related Services. DIR subsequently issued a BAFO opportunity on June 5, 2014. Upon execution of this Contract, a notice of award for RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-209 shall be posted by DIR on the Electronic State Business Daily.

C. Order of Precedence

For purchase transactions under this Contract, the order of precedence shall be as follows: this Contract; Appendix A, Standard Terms and Conditions For Products and Related Services Contracts; Appendix B, Vendor’s Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontracting Plan; Appendix C, Pricing Index; Exhibit 1, Vendor’s Response to RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-209, including all addenda; and Exhibit 2, RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-209, including all addenda; are incorporated by reference and constitute the entire agreement between DIR and Vendor governing purchase transactions. In the event of a conflict between the documents listed in this paragraph related to purchases, the controlling document shall be this Contract, then Appendix A, then Appendix B, then Appendix C, then Exhibit 1, and finally Exhibit 2. In the event and to the extent any provisions contained in multiple documents address the same or substantially the same subject matter but do not actually conflict, the more recent provisions shall be deemed to have superseded earlier provisions.

2. Term of Contract

The term of this Contract shall be two (2) years commencing on the last date of approval by DIR and Vendor. Prior to expiration of the original term, DIR and Vendor may extend the Contract, upon mutual agreement, for up to two (2) optional one-year terms. Protracted contract negotiations may, in DIR’s sole discretion, result in fewer optional terms.

3. Product and Service Offerings

A. Products

Products available under this Contract are limited to networking products as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their product offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of products awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above. Vendor may not add a manufacturer's product line which was not included in the Vendor's response to the solicitation described in Section 1.B above.

B. Services

Services available under this Contract are limited to related networking services as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their service offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of services awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above.

4. Pricing

Pricing to the DIR Customer shall be as set forth in Appendix A, Section 8, Pricing, Purchase Orders, Invoices and Payment, and as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index, and shall include the DIR Administrative Fee.

5. DIR Administrative Fee

A) The administrative fee to be paid by the Vendor to DIR based on the dollar value of all sales to Customers pursuant to this Contract is three-quarters of one percent (0.75%). Payment will be calculated for all sales, net of returns and credits. For example, the administrative fee for sales totaling \$100,000 shall be \$750.00.

B) All prices quoted to Customers shall include the administrative fee. DIR reserves the right to change this fee upwards or downwards during the term of this Contract, upon written notice to Vendor without further requirement for a formal contract amendment. Any change in the administrative fee shall be incorporated in the price to the Customer.

6. Notification

All notices under this Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated below.

If sent to the State:

Dana L. Collins, CTPM, CTCM
Manager, Contract and Vendor Management
Department of Information Resources
300 W. 15th St., Suite 1300
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: (512) 936-2233
Facsimile: (512) 475-4759
Email: dana.collins@dir.texas.gov

If sent to the Vendor:

Tera Davis
Critical Start LLC
6860 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 200
Plano, TX 75024
Phone: (214) 810-6760
Facsimile: (214) 919-4050
Email: tera.davis@criticalstart.com

7. Software License Agreements

A. Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement

Regardless of any other provision or other license terms which may be issued by Vendor after the effective date of this Contract, and irrespective of whether any such provisions have been proposed prior to or after the issuance of a Purchase Order for products licensed under this Contract, or the fact that such other agreement may be affixed to or accompany software upon delivery (shrink-wrap), the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract shall supersede and govern the license terms between Customers and Vendor. **It is the Customer's responsibility to read the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement and determine if the Customer accepts the license terms as amended by this Contract. If the Customer does not agree with the license terms, Customer shall be responsible for negotiating with the reseller to obtain additional changes in the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement language from the software publisher.**

B. Conflicting or Additional Terms

In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Vendor Software License Agreements, Service Agreements or linked or supplemental documents and the Contract which amend or diminish the rights of DIR Customers or the State provided for in the Contract, such conflicting terms shall not take precedence over the terms of this Contract. In no event will any linked document alter or override any term of the Contract, nor will it change fees, prices, or the method of computing any of the foregoing.

8. Authorized Exceptions to Contract or any Appendices.

No exceptions have been agreed to by DIR and Vendor.

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This Contract is executed to be effective as of the date of last signature.

CRITICAL START LLC

Authorized By: Signature on File

Name: Tera Davis

Title: Managing Director

Date: 12/1/14

The State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources

Authorized By: Signature on File

Name: Karen Robinson

Title: Executive Director

Date: 12/18/14

Office of General Counsel: MH 12/16/14